

## House Resolution No. 3160

**Whereas**, it is with genuine pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause in their diverse legislative endeavors in order to acknowledge milestone events in the lives and careers of Show-Me State residents who have proven to be exemplary citizens in local communities and neighborhoods; and

**Whereas**, Jim Oakley of Lee's Summit has attained considerable distinction as a police officer with the Lee's Summit Police Department, a vocational calling which he will draw to a close on September 9, 2005, in retirement after twenty-eight years of service; and

**Whereas**, a veteran of the United States Navy, Jim Oakley entered the field of public safety thirty-seven years ago when he left the military and joined the Grandview Police Department; and

**Whereas**, Jim Oakley subsequently spent a few years working for Western Electric, now known as AT&T, before once again donning the crisp blue uniform of a policeman by joining the Lee's Summit Police Department in 1977; and

**Whereas**, Jim Oakley has served Lee's Summit in a variety of capacities, including detention office, public information officer, and chaplain; and

**Whereas**, ordained at First Baptist Church in Lee's Summit, Jim Oakley shifted the focus of his career when he became a DARE officer during the early years of that drug and alcohol prevention program in the Lee's Summit school system; and

**Whereas**, Jim Oakley and his DARE partner, Mel Blunt, began with three schools each, added other elementary schools the next year, and then expanded to middle schools within four years; and

**Whereas**, Jim Oakley believes that DARE training is the most intense of any police training he has undertaken since it forces an officer to learn to think like a teacher and to make an emotional commitment to students:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the significant career achievements garnered down through the years by Jim Oakley with the Lee's Summit Police Department and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes as he partakes of the special opportunities and pleasures traditionally associated with the golden years of retirement; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Jim Oakley of Lee's Summit, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Will Kraus  
District No. 48

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do  
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House  
Resolution No. 3160, adopted May 11, 2005.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker